

CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF KILLED

YOUTHS CONFESS THRILL MURDER

ADMIT SLAYING GAS STATION OPERATOR EFFECTING HOLDUP

Youth Father Wanted To Brag Of Robbery He Admits

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 24.—Two Erie youths, both married, and one the father of two children, who told in written confessions how they shot down and killed James Massing, a gas station attendant five months ago, according to police, today were held in the Erie County prison incommunicado and without bail.

"I did it," Alois Schlegler, 22, the youthful father, cried out at the end of seven hours grilling by state and local police, detectives reported.

"I wanted a thrill. I didn't mean to kill him. It was all an accident," Schlegler said. "The excitement of it got me."

Richard Hinz, 20, his companion corroborated the confession and admitted his share in the hold-up, state police reported.

"I wanted to rob that place for a thrill. I wanted to brag about it afterwards," the prisoner cried out to questioning detectives.

"Don't tell my wife—she's dying. My little girl has pneumonia. God, what a mess."

Four days ago Schlegler's wife gave birth to a baby girl. The mother's condition was reported as critical.

The pair told police they were riding in an automobile last August 23, the night of the fatal shooting. Hinz with his wife, and Schlegler with another woman. After taking their companions home, the two men passed the gas station as they were cruising about the city.

"This place would be easy," Schlegler said his companion told him. Hinz had worked at the station previously and was familiar with its layout.

"The excitement of it got me," Schlegler told detectives. He said he proceeded, single-handed, to hold up the attendant, Massing.

Seeing the gun, which Schlegler told police he held in his hand, the prisoner said the attendant slammed the door in his face.

"The door hit my hand and the next thing I knew there was an explosion and Massing fell against some oil drums," Schlegler sobbed out as he admitted the shooting, according to police.

When arraigned before a magistrate the two men pleaded not guilty. They were remanded at once to jail.

Sergeant William Jones, Private Richard Gray, of the state police, and Chief of Police Briggs of Westerville, apprehended Schlegler and Hinz yesterday after a five months investigation of the shooting.

THREE KILLED

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—An investigation was launched today of the falling of a ten-ton stone from the cornice of a six-story building. Three workers on a scaffold were killed and two others injured.

FIREMEN SAVE THREE

LAKEWOOD, O., Jan. 24.—Two women and a small boy were rescued by firemen today when a fire damaged a fashionable residence here. The rescued were Miss Marie Franz, Mrs. G. R. Cramer and her son, Arthur, 12.

WARNING

You will get plenty of thrills if you begin reading

TODAY

the new mystery story

MAD LAUGHTER

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REVENUE COLLECTOR RESIGNS POST AFTER SWINDLE IS EXPOSED

FLEECE OF \$50,000



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TOM MIX LOSES COURT CASE

Owner Of 101 Ranch Shows Gets \$90,000 Verdict For Breach Of Contract

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 24.—Colonel Zack T. Miller, owner of the 101 Ranch shows, was awarded a \$90,000 breach of contract verdict against Tom Mix, famous stage, screen and circus cowboy, by a jury in common pleas court here today.

Miller had sued for \$325,000, alleging Mix broke an agreement to appear in his show and, instead, enrolled with the Sells Floto circus.

Counsel for Mix announced that a motion for new trial would be filed.

The jury brought in a sealed verdict last night but the verdict was not read until court convened today.

A crowded courtroom heard the verdict. Throughout the trial, during which voluminous testimony was adduced to support the claim of Mix that no agreement had been made and, conversely, to support Miller's agreement claim, the courtroom was jammed with spectators eager to witness Mix on the witness stand.

Closing arguments were featured by Miller's counsel declaring that Mix had brought his histrionic talents to the witness stand. Mix had engaged in several verbal tilts with Miller's attorney, at one time demanding:

"What are you doing—trying to make a liar out of me."

GOVERNORS PONDER INSURANCE PLAN TO STOP DEPRESSIONS

Unemployment Help Is Suggested At Conference

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—Compulsory unemployment insurance was being carefully studied today by seven state governors and representatives of eastern states called into conference by Governor Roosevelt to map out a comprehensive program to guard against future industrial depression.

After listening to half a dozen expert economists recite the advantages of unemployment insurance at the opening of the conference, the governors went into an executive session at the mansion today in an effort to determine what action should be taken by states, either separately or collectively, to combat a repetition of present conditions.

Attending the conference are Governors Cross of Connecticut, Ely of Massachusetts, Larson of New Jersey, Case of Rhode Island, and Governor Roosevelt, Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania is represented by Dr. Charles Rettell, head of the Greater Pennsylvania Unemployment Commission.

Governor George White of Ohio, who was represented yesterday by Senator P. Bush, chairman of the Ohio State Commission of Unemployment, was scheduled to arrive today for the conference.

In addition to the question of unemployment insurance, attention of governors was directed toward two major proposals—creation of a centralized statistical bureau to furnish eastern states reliable information on industrial conditions and planning of public works over a long period of years.

Governor Roosevelt is convinced that unemployment insurance is the best way to guard against suffering during industrial depressions. It was not expected that Roosevelt would make any effort to leave the executives go on record at this time on unemployment insurance, but that he would suggest that they give the subject

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SIXTH VICTIM OF POISON NEAR DEATH

ASHLAND, Ky., Jan. 24.—M. L. Queen, who drank a small quantity of the anti-freeze solution that caused the death of five men here Wednesday, was reported in a critical condition at a hospital here today, where he was removed from city jail yesterday.

Queen was held in the custody of authorities as a material witness against Marion Collins, proprietor of a gasoline station where the anti-freeze solution was said to have been purchased.

Charges of manslaughter have been filed against Collins at Catlettsburg.

SET CORONATION

BUCHAREST, Jan. 24.—The newspaper Lupta stated today that King Carol's coronation, delayed by his failure to effect a reconciliation with Princess Helen, has been set for May 10. It added that all political factions have agreed to participate in the formal ceremonies.

SCHUMANN-HEINK ILL

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink was ill today of influenza. The condition of the noted singer was reported as not serious.

PAVLOVA WILL BE BURIED IN LONDON

THE HAGUE, Jan. 24.—While the body of Anna Pavlova, world's premier ballerina, rested in a coffin covered with a black silver pall at the Roman Catholic Hospital here, her husband, Victor D'Andre, was enroute to London today to arrange the funeral there.

Russian circles in Paris exercised strong pressure to have the burial in the French capital, but her husband before leaving for

London expressed an opinion that Mme. Pavlova herself would have preferred the British capital for her final resting place. For the past fifteen years she has made Ivy House in North London her home.

Her death, coming suddenly yesterday after a three-day illness of pleurisy, was mourned as a profound loss to the ballet. Radio messages, cablegrams and letters

poured in from all countries with messages of sympathy, and flags on theaters and concert halls here were at half mast.

Memorial services were held at intervals at the Russian church, which is too small for the body of the dancer, dressed in gold brocade, were removed from the hotel to the Roman Catholic Hospital yesterday.

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BANDIT VICTIM IN GRAVE CONDITION

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Jan. 24.—Edwin K. Nelson Jr., of Tampa, Fla., remained in a critical condition at the Mary Rutan Hospital here today from bullet wounds received when he was shot by the bandits who robbed the Pullman passengers of a big four train between here and Carey early Thursday.

Meantime, search for the train robbers was spurred by the announcement of Big Four officials that a reward of \$25,000 had been posted for their capture.

DAISY CONVICTED ON ONE COUNT

Former Secretary Of Star Convicted On One Count

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 24.—Daisy Devoe, former secretary of Clara Bow who was found guilty on one count of stealing \$825 from the motion picture actress, occupied a cell in the County Jail today where she will be held until sentence is passed Monday.

The weary jury of seven men and five women after nearly forty-nine hours of deliberation found the blonde secretary not guilty on thirty-four other counts of the indictment. Miss Devoe was accused of embezzling \$16,900 from the "It" girl of the screen.

Leniency was recommended by the jurors.

Miss Bow's one-time secretary was found guilty on count No. 7 which involved a check she is alleged to have written on October 29, 1929 for \$825 which went to buy a fur coat. The check drawn on Miss Bow's account was dated two days before Miss Devoe's discharge from her position as secretary.

"Oh, for God's sake," wailed Miss Devoe when she heard the verdict. "I am not guilty at all. If they wanted to convict me on one count, why didn't they convict me on all?"

Then Miss Devoe burst into tears, became hysterical and collapsed.

Having recovered a half hour later, Miss Devoe was led to a cell in the county jail by a matron. Judge W. C. Doran refused to allow her bail of \$1,000 to stand and Miss Devoe must remain in jail until sentence is passed.

Miss Devoe faces the possibility of a one to ten year sentence in prison for the offense. In compliance with the jury's request for leniency her sentence might be made a probationary one, however.

Clara Bow, still ill at her home with a severe cold, had the following to say when informed of the verdict:

"I hope that for Daisy's sake that the court will be lenient."

BRIDEGROOM DIES

MARION, O., Jan. 24.—James E. Sims, 67, who was engaged to his wife thirty-five years before finally marrying her, was dead today after living with her only fourteen months. Sims kept a promise to his mother that he would care for an invalid sister as long as she lived, and Sims and Louise Vellmer were wedded after her death in 1929. Sims was ill only a short time.

UTILITIES MEMBER NAMED BY GOVERNOR RESULT OF VACANCY

CLEVELAND ATTORNEY WILL SUCCEED NEWLY NAMED JUDGE

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 24.—Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Edward J. Hoppie, Cleveland, Democrat, today was Governor George White's selection for membership on the state utilities commission. The position pays \$6,000 a year. The appointment is for a six-year term ending February, 1937.

If the appointment is confirmed by the Ohio senate, Hoppie will succeed William Klingler, Lima, also a Democrat, who, February 9, will become a judge of the third district court of appeals.

The other members of the utilities commission are: Frank W. Geiger, Springfield, chairman, and John W. Bricker, Columbus. Both are Republicans.

Hoppie is a former speaker of the Ohio house of representatives. He also served as state senator. Upon his return Monday from the governors' conference on unemployment at Albany, N. Y., Governor White expects to send to the senate for confirmation the names of Hoppie, Dr. Harry G. Southard, Marysville, for state health director, and L. L. Faris, Lynchburg, for state prohibition commissioner.

Officials at the governor's office stated that the governor does not expect to make any further appointments before the middle of next week. Among the more important appointments yet to be made are the superintendent of banks, state superintendent of building and loan associations and chief of the state division of securities.

SLAIN ATTEMPTING ARREST OF CHICKEN THIEVES; ALL HELD

BROTHERS ARRESTED; ONE FACES MURDER CHARGE

BUCYRUS, O., Jan. 24.—Riddled with bullets from a 12-gauge shot gun in the hands of an alleged chicken thief who shot pointblank from a distance of ten feet, Sheriff George Davenport, 38, of Crawford County, died in a hospital at Crestline, near here, early today.

Walter Ralls, 34, named Sheriff Davenport as the man who shot him, was himself wounded in the left shoulder by the county officer. He and his two brothers, Blanton and Elijah Ralls, were lodged in the county jail here facing murder charges. The accused men are Negroes.

Formal charges will be filed against Walter today, Deputy Sheriff Arthur Stuckert announced. The shooting occurred at the home of Elijah Ralls in Crestline where Walter had taken refuge after he had allegedly stolen fifteen chickens from a farmer.

Headed by Sheriff Davenport, deputies Stuckert and Otto Stegmaier, a posse surrounded the Ralls home. Denied admittance, Davenport threatened to break down the door before it was opened.

Entering the house Davenport started up a stairway to the second floor. As he reached the top and turned to enter a bedroom he was shot through the open door without warning, Stuckert charged.

Deputy Sheriff Stuckert, stationed at the rear door of the house, rushed in as he entered heard the sheriff's revolver fired once. He met the wounded sheriff staggering down the stairway.

The three brothers were brought to the county jail here after Walter's wound had been treated and Davenport was taken to the Crestline Hospital where he died several hours later.

Davenport was the first Republican sheriff in the history of Crawford County. Elected to the office in 1928, he was serving his second term.

He will be accorded full military honors at the funeral, arrangements for which were being made today. During the World War Davenport was taken to the Crestline Hospital where he died several hours later.

Residents of Bucyrus were incensed today over the slaying of Sheriff Davenport. Velled threats were made against the three chicken thieves.

Although actual trouble was not expected, Deputy Sheriff Stuckert took the precaution of posting a heavy guard about the jail.

Stuckert announced that Walter Ralls, who was shot by Davenport, would be taken to Monnet Hospital today for an operation to remove the bullet lodged in his shoulder.

A heavy guard will accompany the Negro on the trip from the jail to the hospital, Stuckert said.

GREEN DENIED HIS INSURANCE CLAIM

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 24.—Rejection of the claim of former director of Agriculture Perry L. Green for an award from the state insurance fund because of injuries received December 27, last was registered today on the records of the state industrial commission.

Green was injured and the late Norman E. Shaw, Columbus, former state secretary of agriculture, was fatally hurt, when the auto in which they were riding was hit by a motor bus at a highway intersection near Norwalk. Shaw died shortly after the accident.

The commission granted an award to Shaw's relatives on the ground that, at the time of the accident, Shaw was working in the capacity of a member of the Ohio Farmer's editorial staff.

A ruling issued by the attorney-general's office, that a member of the governor's cabinet is not eligible to an award from the state insurance fund, because he is not a state employee, was responsible for the commission's rejection of Green's application for compensation.

COUNTY OFFICIALS MAY GET INCREASES

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 24.—Salaries of many county officials throughout Ohio will be increased, it was stated today, as the result of a ruling by Attorney General Gilbert Betman. The opinion went to officials of the state bureau of supervision of public officials.

The attorney-general held that all county officials whose salaries are based upon population of the county and who were elected to office last November must be paid in accordance with the 1930 federal census.



TELLING the WORLD'S NEWS with PICTURES



Train Crash in Storm Injures Eighty



Eighty persons were injured, some seriously, when the Colonial Express, bound for Washington, sideswiped a Blackstone to Boston local train while going through the New Haven Railroad yards at Readville, Mass. The accident occurred during a blinding snowstorm. Photo shows view of wreckage.

Would Flog Gunmen



Every person convicted of committing a crime in Indiana while armed will receive from 10 to 60 lashes on the bare back if a flogging bill, introduced by State Senator Robert Moorhead of Indianapolis, passes the state legislature. The bill is part of a campaign to combat gun toting in the Hoosier State.

CLARA AS SHE WAS THEN AND NOW



Just about eight years ago Clara Bow became one of the sensations of the screen, after her success in "Down to the Sea in Ships." That was before she became known as the tempestuous "It" girl of Hollywood. Photos, at left, show her as she looked then; center, a recent photo; upper right, when her engagement to Harry Richman was announced, and, lower right, entering the grand jury room, at Los Angeles, during the hectic days when Daisy De Voe, her former secretary, began to reveal what she called Clara's "past," in an effort to clear herself of charges of having appropriated \$16,000 of Clara's money.

DRIVING AWAY HOMESICK BLUES



Hurricane, champion polo pony of Argentina, with star four from South American republic invading California, may yearn to see his old pampas once more, but these gauchos keep the nag from being homesick by playing Argentine airs. Gaucho Raoul Maurreguez is holding Hurricane while Gaucho Jose Cicarelle plays.

RING TO RETURN AFTER 50 YEARS?



HOWARD M. GORE, Former governor

Governor WILLIAM G. CONLEY



Site of the first undisputed heavyweight championship bout in the United States, West Virginia has been without legalized boxing for 50 years, but legislative action this year may bring the game back to the Mountaineer State. Fifty years ago Paddy Ryan defeated Joe Goss of England at Collier's Station, W. Va., and then boxing was barred from the state. Former Governor Howard M. Gore, left, vetoed a bill to legalize boxing in 1929. However, Governor William G. Conley, now in office, is believed favorable to the sport.

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Victim of Jewel Robbers



Lita Grey Chaplin, former wife of Charlie Chaplin, leaving Police Headquarters, N. Y., with a detective after recounting the holdup and kidnaping experience in which she was robbed of \$25,000 in jewels and \$15 in cash. The robbery took place in her own car. Georges Carpentier, former light heavyweight champion boxer, and her chauffeur, Albert Frank, were with her at the time.

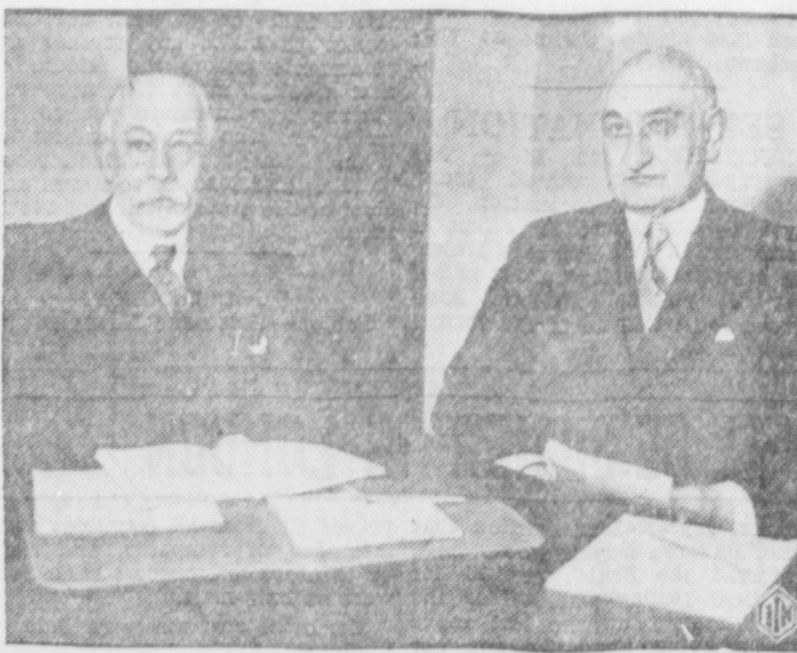
MAY BE CITED FOR BRAVE RESCUE



Miss Kathleen Foster

Miss Kathleen Foster, 24-year-old music teacher, Roebuck, S. C., may be cited for exceptional bravery for rescuing James Meadows of Reidville, S. C., whose automobile crashed into a power pole and burst into flames. Miss Meadows succeeded in removing him from the burning car, but he died from his injuries next day.

Dry Law Report to Hoover



George W. Wickersham, chairman of the National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement, with Frank J. Loesch, of Chicago, appointed by the President a year and a half ago, and the 60,000-word report on the enforcement of the prohibition laws, which will be submitted to Congress. The contents are held in confidence until received by the Senate and House.

Aid National Board of Review



Mary Pickford, queen of the screen, greeting the first group of high school children chosen at New York by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures to help obtain the reaction of modern youth to films. These juniors will participate with adults in regular work of review by the national board, which sees and censors all motion pictures shown for entertainment in the United States.

Re-Enact Slaying of Leader



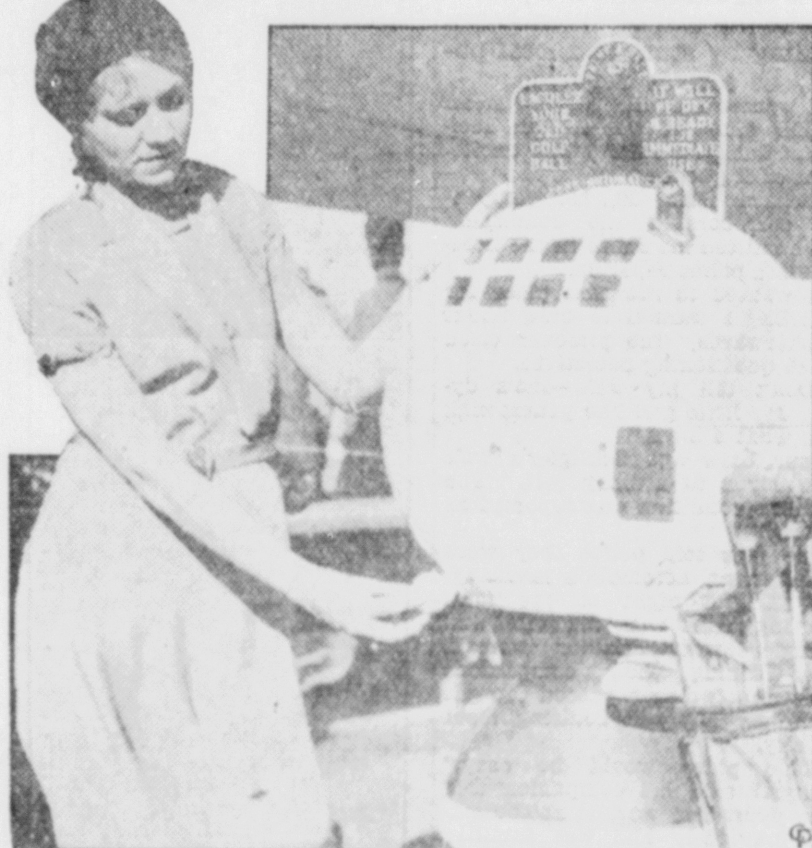
Frederick Schoenhardt (second from the left) and Harold McCormick (next), are shown as they re-enacted the killing of Stephen Sweeney, leader of their gang. Schoenhardt is explaining the details of the murder to District Attorney Elvin Edwards and Inspector King at the scene of the tragedy, Hicksville, L. I. Sweeney was killed when he applied the word "yellow" to other members of his "mob" after a police shooting.

Clara Bow Weeps in Anger



Shaking and nervous after a court session at Los Angeles in which she heard alleged revelations of her life and loves in a confession attributed to Daisy Devoe, her dismissed secretary, Clara Bow, screen redhead, wept on the witness stand as she called Daisy, once her best friend, "faithless." Above telephoto of Clara Bow with Rex Bell, screen cowboy and her admirer, as they appeared in court.

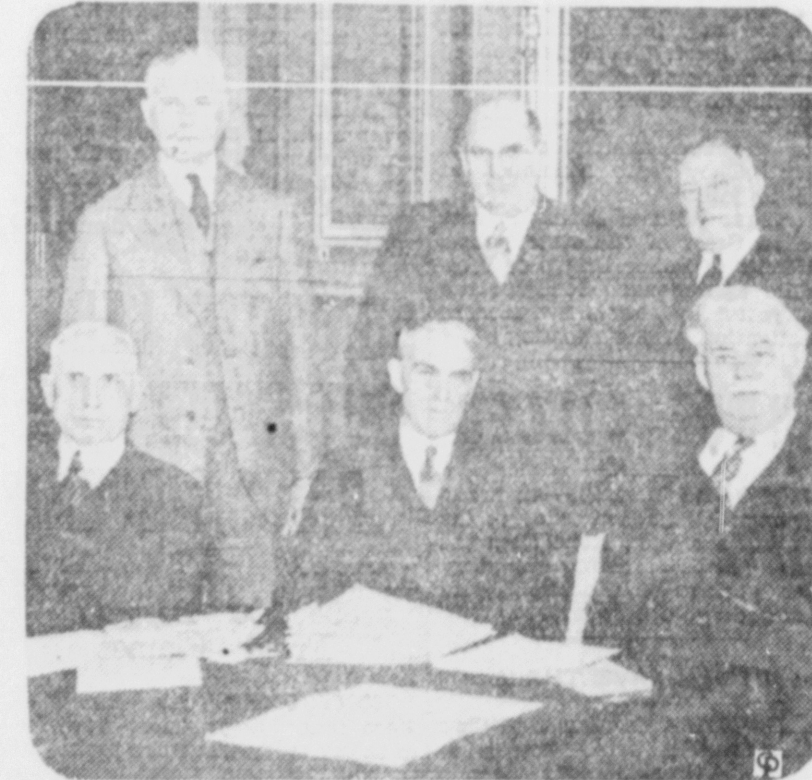
DEMONSTRATES GOLF BALL DEVICE



Miss Ann Healy

Miss Ann Healy, Santa Monica, Cal., demonstrates a new device which should prove a boon to golfers and caddies. It lacquers and returns your battered golf ball to you in a minute and a half.

PROBING THE HIGH COST OF LIVING



Housewives will be interested in the report of this senate committee appointed to investigate food prices. Members are, left to right, seated, Senators Kendrick, Capper, chairman; Townsend; standing, Thomas, Frazier and Wagner, who introduced the bill.

Off for Sunny South



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison pictured in the waiting room of the Pennsylvania station, New York City, waiting for their train for Fort Myers, Fla., to be made up. The Edisons left for the South and their annual Winter stay.

THIS CRACKUP'S ALL FOR A THRILL



Save your gasps, dear reader! No one will be hurt when this airplane crashes into a city street, for it is going to be pushed to destruction to obtain a realistic effect for a motion picture being made at Universal City, Cal.

NO, YOU'RE MISTAKEN! THEY'RE NOT



Look again! Your eyes are deceiving you. These folk aren't President and Mrs. Hoover. They are movie doubles, Tom Jensen and Jessie Perry, who are taking the roles of the president and the first lady in a new picture being made in Hollywood. Miss Perry is an actress and Jensen is a member of the Los Angeles police department. He is said to be the same height and weight as the president.

Society-Personal-Clubs

THE NICEST courtesy you can show your guests is to have their visits mentioned on this page. The nicest courtesy you can show your friends is to let them learn of your visits through this page whenever you go away. The Gazette considers it a favor whenever you put in an item of any kind. PHONE 70.

B. P. W. CLUB

RECEIVES INVITATIONS

Members of the Xenia Business and Professional Women's Club have received invitations to attend a number of social functions to be given by B. P. W. Clubs in neighboring cities soon.

Two interesting programs are being planned by members of the Dayton B. P. W. Club to which local business women are invited. The first is on February 12 when Miss Marion H. McClellan, national president, will be guest speaker. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock at the Rike-Kumler dining room. The second is the club's annual Business Women's Week banquet, on Saturday evening, March 14, at the Biltmore Hotel. Mrs. Gellie Bowman, national vice president, will be guest speaker at this meeting.

Members are also invited to attend the regional meeting at Bellefontaine, Sunday, February 15. Members wishing to make reservations for any of these meetings are asked to notify the local president, Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson.

OBEIDIENT COUNCIL

HOLDS INSPECTION

Mrs. Susie Woods, Columbus, past state councilor of the Daughters of America Lodge, conducted an inspection of Obedient Council, No. 150, this city, Tuesday evening. The council scored a perfect score of 500 points, according to a report made by Mrs. Woods.

Another feature of the meeting was the presentation of gifts to Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Myrtle Woods, national representative; Mrs. H. L. Karch, a member of the law committee; Mrs. W. C. Horner, of Pride of Xenia Council, No. 140; Mrs. M. M. Kester, deputy of Obedient Council and Mr. Matthew Coulter former team captain. A supper was enjoyed by the sixty-eight guests present after the meeting.

FAMILY HONORED AT

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Union Road, whose home was recently destroyed by fire, were honored at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Anderson, Union Road, Wednesday evening. Six guests were present, including members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Union Church and neighbors in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were the recipients of many useful gifts presented by the guests. A social time was enjoyed during the evening.

MRS. ANDERSON IS HONORED ON WEDNESDAY

For the pleasure of Mrs. James Anderson, Union Road, whose home was recently destroyed by fire, Mrs. Forrest Strong and Mrs. Carl Johnson entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the home of the former, near Mt. Taber, Wednesday afternoon. Twenty-five women spent the afternoon at the Strong home and Mrs. Anderson was presented a handsome array of gifts. Later a salad course was served by the hostesses.

The fourth lesson on "Home Care of the Sick" for women of Xenia Twp. will be given in the assembly room of the Court House Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Samuel Andrew, Mrs. Lewis Frye and Mrs. Albert Bickert are leaders. All women of the township are invited to attend the lesson.

Miss Hazel Spellman, Chestnut St., is spending the week end in Springfield as the guest of Miss Elvera Loftus.

The meeting of the Xenia Sunshine Society which was to have been held Tuesday afternoon has been indefinitely postponed on account of the death of Mr. D. L. Croy.

Regular meeting of Royal Neighbors of America will be held at the Junior Hall Monday evening. Members are asked to make their payment of dues at this meeting.

Members of the Eastern Star Thimble Club will be entertained at the Masonic Temple Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the January committee will serve at the party.

Mrs. Richard Murphy (Mary Katherine Dodds), Mountain Lakes, N. J., continues to show gradual improvement from injuries received in two automobile accidents several weeks ago. She is still confined in the Dover Hospital, Dover, N. J.

Mrs. Jane Powers is confined to her home on N. King St., suffering from an attack of grip.

Mr. R. C. Watt, Cedarville, who has been critically ill several days remains in about the same condition.

Mrs. Emma Shultz, Cleveland, is the guest for several days of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shultz, E. Second St.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsh Ferguson, W. Main St., are announcing the birth of a son Wednesday.

Edabelle, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Halstead, is ill at her home on Chestnut St.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thornton, 1039 W. Second St., are the parents of a daughter born Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Binghamon, near Port William, entertained the following guests at an oyster supper Thursday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bone, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Binghamon, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beal and sons, Kenneth and Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Binghamon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Adair, N. Galloway St., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Stewart, Yellow Springs, are leaving Wednesday for St. Petersburg, Fla., to spend several weeks.

D. L. CROY, FORMER NEWSPAPER MAN, IS CALLED SUDDENLY

David L. Croy, 68, retired newspaper man, died suddenly at his home, 20 W. Second St., Saturday morning at 12:40 o'clock after suffering a sudden heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Croy were awakened by a loud knocking at a neighbor's door a few minutes earlier and it is thought that the excitement brought on the attack. Although he had suffered from leakage of the heart several years and had been in ill health the fatal attack was the first he had suffered.

Mr. Croy had been connected with the newspaper business for many years, as printer, editor and publisher. At the time of his death he was serving as secretary of Local No. 728, of the International Typographical Union and had held this position for ten years.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milton Croy and was born at Dublin, October 14, 1862. He spent his entire life in Greene County with the exception of the time he was in Troy, and had resided in Xenia eighteen years. His marriage to Miss Maude M. Trone took place October 14, 1909.

Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Adelaide Kelly, Dayton, and two grandchildren. His brother, Walter, who lived in Chicago, also survives and another brother, Lester, died two years ago.

Funeral services will be held at the home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with interment in Woodland Cemetery.

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JUNIOR HIGH TEAMS SELL MAGAZINES TO EARN RADIO MONEY

The Central Junior High School was called together in an assembly Thursday and explained the nature of the annual subscription campaign carried on by that section of the school. The junior high school each year conducts a drive for subscriptions to the American Magazine, Woman's Home Companion, The Country Home, and Colliers Weekly, under the supervision of the Crowell Publishing Co., Springfield. Proceeds this year will be used to purchase radios for as many junior high home rooms as possible. The radios will be used to hear the semi-weekly Walter Damrosch programs and also the School of the Air programs that are carried on for the benefit of the schools in Ohio. In years previous the proceeds have been used to pay for the piano in the auditorium.

The campaign started immediately at the close of the assembly and will extend over a period of at least one week. Red and Black teams were formed and a home room captain was chosen for each, with an admiral appointed at the head of each team. The home room team that sells the most subscriptions will be feasted at a party and refreshments. Also any individual that sells six or more subscriptions will be given a free trip through the Crowell plant.

The first report of the campaign made Friday morning gave the Black team a 9 to 7 lead over the Red team. Paul Shidaker was voted the post of admiral on the Black team while Jean Conklin will serve in the same capacity for the Red team. Home room captains for the Black team are: Catherine Randall, Robert Patterson, Margery Clark, Delmar Chaney, Ervin Sanders, and Betty McPherson. Doris Wilkins, Clark Rott, Helen Lewis, Richard Adair, William Sampert, and May Davis are captains of the Red team.

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are found. Come early. Eighty-one in B. Y. P. U.

7:30. Preaching by pastor, the Rev. G. A. Martain. Come and bring some one.

Mrs. Jena Samuel is on the sick list this week.

Miss Josephine Robinson of Cleveland, O., is visiting with Mrs. Emma J. Goldston.

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

S. S. 9:30 a. m. H. W. Gales, Supt.

10:45 a. m.—Worship and sermon by Rev. W. A. Stewart of Payne Seminary. Subject "Conversion of Saul."

6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. Elizabeth Simms, president. Good program.

7:45 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Stewart. Subject "A Well Kept Record." Public cordially invited.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. H. E. Lewis

Morning worship 10:45 sharp. Theme: "Thoughts of Christ."

Evening service 7:30. Theme: "Not Made With Hands."

Sunday School 12:30. Supt. W. S. Rogers, assistants Lloyd W. Clark and R. A. Braxton.

Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Lionel Page, president. Topic: What our denomination means to the world. A very good program has been arranged by the young people for the A. C. E. League hour.

The church services of St. John are growing better each week. Many new faces are seen from time to time. We are asking all who are interested in the success of their church to call in line, in order that the church may move on to still a greater success.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sabbath School 9:30 a. m. James Peters, Supt.

Preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Curtis Greenfield.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. 6:15 p. m. Group 4. Program: leader, Master George Ellis; discussion of topic, "What My Denomination Means to the World." 2 Cor. 2:14; 4:1-6. Rev. James Harris. Good program.

Special number by the Xenia quartet. All are asked to be present and on time.

3 p. m.—Special young people's meeting. Rev. H. E. Lewis, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church will speak and his junior choir will sing. All are invited to come out and encourage the young people.

THIRD M. E. CHURCH

J. R. Pendleton, Pastor

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by pastor.

3 p. m.—Platform meeting.

Everybody welcome to worship with us.

FIRST A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. S. A. Amos Pastor

And in my prosperity I said, I shall not move.

Morning worship 10:45. Theme: "Making a Fresh Start."

Sunday School hour 12:30. Archie Newsum, Supt. All are cordially invited to attend. Lesson Text: "In that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted."

6:30 A. C. E. League Hour. Program under the auspices of Group No. 2 of which Miss Elenora is chairman. A wonderful program in store for those present. Mrs. L. K. Bramlette, Supt., Miss Edith Holland, president.

7:30 p. m.—Service, theme: "Individual Accountability to God."

Wednesday evening prayer service. All are cordially invited to attend.

WILBERFORCE

Miss Gertrude Holland of the extension work division, was the guest of Rev. Tate, pastor of the A. M. E. Church in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and delivered an address to his members.

Mr. J. J. Turner, after an illness of several weeks suffering with the grip is out again.

Miss Jessie H. Smith, who has been residing in Arnett Hall for several years, has taken her new residence with the other women instructors in the Teachers' Home, the Scarbrough property.

Mr. W. P. Welch, superintendent of the university building and grounds, and who has been a victim of the grip, has returned to his work.

Mrs. Lawrence Hicks and Mr. Arthur Lee, Jr., of Columbus and Dr. E. Trigg of Petersburg, Va.

Mr. A. M. Chavis, chairman, Miss Lucinda Cook, Miss Anna H. O'Williamson, Mr. Charles Points, Jr., Mr. Charles Saulsbury, Mr. E. Champ Warrick, Mr. Charles S. Smith, Miss Alberta Banner, members of the committee on curriculum, C. N. I. Department, holding their meetings every Thursday evening to discuss tentative plans for the intensive and comprehensive study for the improvement of the entire teacher training curriculum, are working on the courses of the several departments for the new catalogue now in course of preparation for the printer.

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FEATURES: Views and News Comment: EDITORIAL

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REMISSION OF DEBTS

What James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, said in Chicago on the subject of remission of European war debts, will not appeal very much to certain professional "statesmen" in Columbia and Princeton. These gentlemen, whose hearts bleed so furiously for the old world that we wonder sometimes how they keep any blood in their veins, are insistent that the United States ought to assume a burden of several billions of dollars (which would mean corresponding increase of taxation), so that countries of Europe will not have to pay for a wrong-headed fight of their own making, into which their unbridled fury dragged this country because it had to protect itself.

The pedagogues think that by playing the spend-thrift in this way, the United States will earn the gratitude and trade of the other hemisphere, and will help Europe to "come back" economically and so benefit itself. Mr. Farrell thinks differently. He says: "The demand for remission of these debts rests upon the proposition, always difficult to grasp, that when one has labored and saved to build up an accumulation, he will improve his position still more by giving away part of what he has."

The president of the steel corporation, of course is not talking about outright charity. He is talking business, consequently the point he advanced is so self-evidently sound that it must have occurred long ago to those people who are neither hopeless sentimentalists nor hopeless theorists.

But the main contention of Mr. Farrell is a denial that war debt remission really would have a material effect on European taxes or greatly help along the restoration of good times, which, incidentally, he asserts are already definitely on the way. "It is well to remember," says Mr. Farrell, "that none of the debtor countries is obligated to pay the entire amount of its debt at once or within a brief period. Each obligation is spread over many years, with small annual payments and at low interest rates, so that each year's payment is in itself not considerable. The annual payment, not the total sum, is the whole measure of relief that the taxpayers of any country would obtain from such remission."

Here is a point never emphasized by people in America and elsewhere who are insisting that the United States, having loaned money after first borrowing from its people in order to do so, should not demand even partial payment. But it is a point that must be taken into consideration by anybody trying to arrive at a conclusion about the amount of justification European countries have for trying to get from under, how much excuse, for example, France, with two billions of gold in her vaults, has for complaining that she is being given "Shylock" treatment.

THRILL CRIMES

Some young criminals, or persons charged with crimes, are said to have committed the acts complained of because of a desire for "thrills." If so, they did these things because they found daily life too dull, and wanted more excitement. This is a morbid outgrowth of our times, in which many people find themselves unable to stand the least bit of sameness and monotony.

The idea of getting interested in some work or study, and settling down to it faithfully, seems horribly dull to them. They are fed up on sensational news, sensational stories, and sensational entertainment, and they can not endure not to have some new thrill constantly stirring their jaded natures.

They are like people who must constantly resort to harmful stimulants in order to excite their jaded pulses to action.

It is a difficult thing to reform young people when they get this degraded point of view, but it should be possible to so influence the boy and girls that they will never acquire it. In some way, regular industry and healthful recreations must be made to seem so interesting to them, that they will not have to go in for criminal thrills.

Young people usually like to do the things that they can do skillfully. If a boy can play baseball well, he gets a thrill out of it. Every time he knocks a two bagger into the outfield, he gets all the thrill he wants. He does not have to break into some store and steal money in order to find excitement.

Success in earning and saving money gives boys a thrill. The boy who is helping to tend store, to sell or carry newspapers, or doing any useful work, gets his thrill that way. With active games for all, and work at which they can make good and earn money, boys and girls should be able to avoid the thrill danger.

ALL of US

—By—
MARSHALL MASLIN

WE MUST SAVE OURSELVES

Don't try to save me from myself. I'll do you no good. It won't work. You'll get no credit from it, either, I'll not be thanking you. Take my word for that.

If I put too much salt on my food, if I eat too much meat and not enough vegetables, if my clothes don't fit, if I'm always needing a haircut, if I have a friend of whom you don't approve, if some of my habits don't suit you, if I read the wrong books and laugh at the wrong jokes, if I like puns and don't like grand opera, if I make mistakes in my speech and don't know when to say "shall" and when to say "will," if I'm intolerant when I should be tolerant and easy when I should be tough, if I can't get the Einstein theory through my head, if I prefer bridge to poker, if I like to watch football instead of playing tennis, if I say the wrong things, if I dream and don't do, if I procrastinate and flounder.

If in all these ways I'm wrong, you can't do anything about it. You can't change me. You can argue, you can abuse, you can remind and deplore and say, "I told you so." But you'll be wasting your time and your energy and your noble intentions.

Because you can't save me from myself, no matter how hard you try, I'm like you. I'm stubborn. I can't learn except by stubbing my toe and falling on my face.

I get no experience out of speeches or books, I get them out of life. And one lesson from life isn't enough, either, I must learn again and again, till I'm all bruised and scarred and my words are the constant reminders of the mistakes I have made.

That's me, and I think it's you, too. We outgrow our own silliness, we grow into a sort of personal wisdom—or we don't. But nobody else can do for us what we ought to do for ourselves. Nobody can rescue us with second-hand learning. There are no gifts, no bargains, in life. We must Do Our Own Stuff and we shouldn't complain about that. . . . We should be grateful.

THE QUESTION BOX

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What is the largest island in the world?

The largest island in the world is New Guinea, which has an area of 313,000 square miles and a population of 634,570.

ICE

How thick must ice be to support a man?
Ice two inches thick will support the weight of a man.

CABINET MEMBERS

How many secretaries of state afterward became president of the United States? Who were they? Have any secretaries of the treasury or navy become president?
There were six secretaries of state who afterward became president, namely, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Van Buren and Buchanan. No secretaries of the treasury or navy have ever become president.

POPULATION

What is the population of the following states: Texas, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, South Dakota and New Jersey?

According to the 1930 census the population of Texas is 5,821,272; Wisconsin, 2,930,282; Rhode Island, 687,232; South Dakota, 690,755; New Jersey, 4,028,027.

HOT SPRINGS

Where are the largest hot springs in the world?

Big Horn Hot Springs at Thermopolis, Wyo., are the largest hot springs in the world. Coming out of the earth from an unknown depth, they discharge every 24 hours 18,600,000 gallons of water at the unusually high temperature of 135 degrees Fahrenheit.

SHORE LINE

Which state has the longest tidal shore line? Which has the shortest?

Florida has the longest tidal shore line (not including islands), with 1,987 miles. The state having the shortest is Pennsylvania, with a brief mileage along the Delaware river.

COTILLON

What was the origin of the cotillon?

The cotillon is a dance of French origin and was fashionable at the court of Charles X. It was adapted from a peasant dance and was at first only for one performer. Later it had two dancers and soon became a ronde dance, in which form it was introduced into England.

CRITTENDEN COMPROMISE

What was the Crittenden compromise?

The Crittenden compromise was a measure proposed in congress in 1860 by Senator J. J. Crittenden as a means of preventing the secession of the southern states, through the adoption of five constitutional amendments relating to slavery. All of these amendments were to be permanent and "un-amendable." The compromise was defeated in a committee of the senate and failed of consideration in the house.

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Bo-Broadway

—By JOSEPH VAN HAALTE—

THE BABBITTERS

In a recent speech in New York, Chesterton sneered at Rotary clubs as "vulgar and insincere."

That, of course, is ridiculous. Far from being "vulgar and insincere," Rotary is a sane manifestation of the utmost worth.

In the last analysis, it is the small town man's substitute for the innumerable contacts and stimulations which, in a big city, can scarcely be escaped.

It has come to be considered the mark of an "intellectual" to sneer at Rotary. The fashion was popularized by Messrs. Mencken and Lewis. They would kick anything from Gehenna to The Throne if they thought it would keep jangling the chimes of their cash registers.

G. K. MISINFORMED

Never before has Gilbert K. Chesterton aligned himself with such strange companions.

Usually, when the Old Marster levels a lance, he is motivated by sincerity. I don't think any more honest or sane thinker lives. In this instance it must be that he operated on inadequate or false information. Anyway, Rotary is a thing neither he, nor any other Englishman, could really fully understand.

Suggestions

Serve With Steak
An easily prepared mushroom sauce to serve with the beefsteak is made as follows: Mix together in a frying pan one tablespoon butter and one tablespoon flour. Stir in gradually one cup of brown stock. When the mixture reaches the boiling point add one cup small mushrooms, one tablespoon mushroom ketchup, salt and pepper to taste and one teaspoon caramel.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



RAY BENJAMIN SEEN AS TOO ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE FOR G. O. P. CHAIRMAN

—CHARLES P. STEWART—

WASHINGTON.—Law offices of Raymond Benjamin, says the lettering on the glass upper half of the door.

The offices are three in number: An outer room for waiting visitors, although, when I was there, I was the only visitor and, during the half hour I stayed, there was one phone call; an inner room, for the lone woman stenographer; an innermost room of all for Raymond Benjamin, at his flat-topped desk, in his swivel chair.

They are small offices, each 12 or 14 feet square; light and pleasant, but very modest. At good second-hand shops, I think I could duplicate their furniture for \$150, not including the typewriter.

This suite is in the Transportation building, one of Washington's newer office structures and quite a large one, but, being rather outside the business center, hardly the one likely to be chosen by a tenant who wished especially to attract attention.

It is nicely situated, however—just a block from the picturesque little park known as Farragut square, on which fronts the Army and Navy club and (perhaps politically more important) the Barr building, home of the Republican national committee. Also, a couple of blocks to the south and eastward is the White House.

"Although I really can't imagine," says Mr. Benjamin, "why folk should see the least political significance in my presence in Washington—merely because I happen to be an old California friend of President Hoover and to have had some connection with Pacific coast G. O. P. activities."

Mr. Benjamin senses that many people do have such fancies, nevertheless.

For example, there is the story that he is slated to succeed Senator Simon D. Pess in the national committee chairmanship.

It is denied, to be sure, and, to my notion, convincingly. Mr. Benjamin's record, so I'm assured on what I believe to be reliable authority, has been of a conservatism too "ultra" not to be recognized, even by the present rather stand-pat group in control at Republican headquarters, as excessive for mass popularity.

There likewise is a guess to the effect that he is to be a kind of Republican Joett Shouse, but personally I doubt whether he is scheduled for anything as official as that.

My own theory is that Mr. Hoover simply will continue to think highly of Mr. Benjamin's advice.

And naturally it will be much more readily available with Mr. Benjamin right here in Washington, occupying offices about midway between the White House and G. O. P. headquarters, than in far-off San Francisco, as heretofore.

President Coolidge has his Frank Stearns.

But this is all guesswork. I defy anyone to trace a connection between Mr. Benjamin's offices and either the White House or the Republican committee—except that I did get in touch with him by way of the Barr building.

Mr. Benjamin laughs at the idea of any connection.

"Why, my law practice," he explains, "has kept me in Washington about half my time for the last 19 years; now I find it convenient to open offices here."

"Of course," he adds, "the California, 'if I can make myself useful

to the administration, I shall be glad to do it."

In case I should be taken to task for referring to Mr. Benjamin as an ultra-conservative, I will say that he admits authorship of his state's law against syndicalism, which the dictionary defines as "an economic movement aiming at the federation of workers in all trades for the purpose of enforcing the demands of labor by sympathetic strikes."

California is not the only state which prohibits its practice, but I believe it to be the only one which provides a long prison term for even thinking pro-syndicalist.

I call this double-"ultra"-conservative.

It is an utter mistake to assume that an ultra-conservative necessarily is hard boiled in appearance and manner.

Plenty of them have perfectly delightful personalities.

Mr. Benjamin's is charming. They say he's smarter than chain lightning; I'd have thought so myself, on the strength of my short talk with him.

He contrasts peculiarly with his dinky little suite of offices, for he has an air of distinction and a poise that would do credit to the senate—or the White House.

His figure is tall and spare; his eyes are blue, and although his hair is graying a little, for he is approaching 60, it is evidently as blond as originally and the white does not show much against it. His profile suggests pictures of the

Duke of Wellington's, on account of the high-arched nose which dominates it.

I understand Mr. Benjamin was a professional musician in his youth; it must have been his extreme youth, since he was just 21 when he hung out his initial forensic shingle at Vallejo, Cal.

Later he moved into San Francisco.

Having lived in the latter city myself in pre-war days, I chanced to ask him whether it has changed much since then, and at this he showed signs of strong, profane emotion.

"Yes," he said, "for the worse, believe me; they've built a ragged skyline of huge apartment houses on those beautiful hills, and it looks like hell"—if I may be pardoned for quoting him literally.

That was the artistry coming out in him. I recognized it instantly. It isn't often one hears a remark like that in these utilitarian times—but Mr. Benjamin is artistic as well as conservative.

Today's Recipes
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The Theater

What with the death of Alma Rubens, the defection of Ruth Chatterton and William Powell from the ranks of Paramount to the Warner banner and the announcement that Constance Bennett is going to spend her vacations from Pathe working for Warners, Hollywood is pretty much upset these days.

Put on top of this the fact that the comely and alluring Tallulah Bankhead is in the very act of bearing down on Hollywood with full steam ahead, and you have a much distraught picture colony. Everybody felt bad about the death of Miss Rubens, a capable actress and one of the most beautiful players to ever appear in pictures.

Her death made a widower of Richard Cortez, also a well-known and popular player.

The announcement of the Chatterton's new contract with Warners was all the greater shock because her Paramount contract will not expire until October. She has

The Bankhead woman, back after eight years of triumph in London theaters, is a positive menace to the peace of Hollywood beauties. Her pictures bear tribute to her beauty and charm, and they are still talking about her British successes, so America waits with its mouth open for the debut of this star. She is the daughter of William B. Bankhead, representative in Congress from Alabama while her uncle, John H. Bankhead, is the senator-elect from that state, being the very lad who upset the political aspirations of Tom-Tom Heflin down there.

After her vacation Dorothy Mackall will return to First National to star in "Reckless Hour," a story left over from last year's program; it is ultra-modern.

Twenty Years '11- Ago -'31

Mr. Ben Eckerle, a senior substitute mail carrier, has been promoted to be a regular city carrier to fill a vacancy.

Emmett Glenn, a young man employed at the Kaiser laundry, met with a painful mishap while at work. His hand caught in the belt of a machine and the palm was lacerated.

Semi-annual report of Health Officer Dr. A. C. Messenger shows there were 114 deaths in Xenia as compared with 121 births during the last six months.

Ralph Hamilton, of the senior class in high school, is suffering from an attack of mumps.

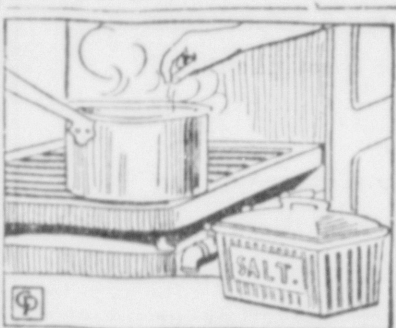


Tallulah Bankhead

signed a two-year agreement by which she will make only three pictures a year, choose her own stories, sit in on the writing and pick her own director and cast. She will receive \$1,000,000 for her services, it is said. Anyway, a lot of things may happen before October. With Powell also signed to work for the Warner boys, a Hollywood wit was inspired to remark: "If it has a Paramount star, it's the best Warner picture in town."

Connie Bennett has gone mercenary, it would appear from the new arrangement she has made with these Warner boys. She is under a long-term contract to Pathe, but the contract permits her ten weeks vacation every year. The efficient Warner Bros., anxious to eliminate all lost motion, have signed Connie up for those ten weeks each year. Under the contract she must work six hours a day, six days a week for them but she will be reimbursed to the extent of \$300,000 a term, which means about \$500 an hour. What price vacations?

Wife Preservers



A pinch of sugar in the water in which winter vegetables are cooked will help bring out the flavor which may be lost through long standing.

JUST AMONG US GIRLS

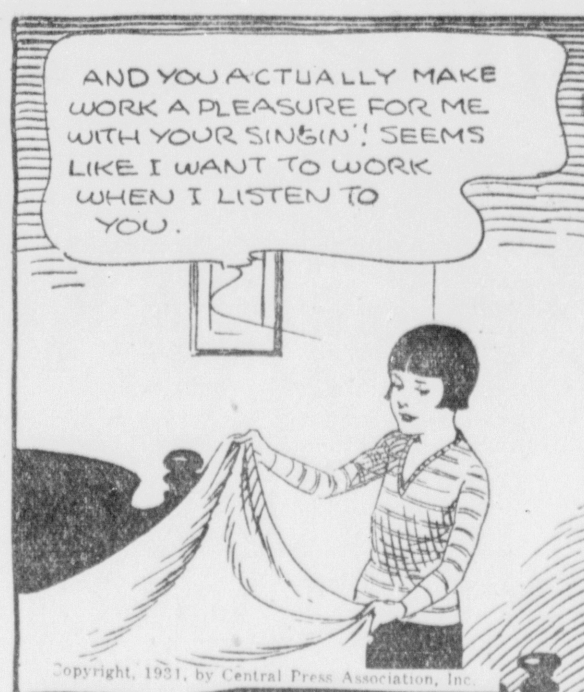


Too many girls think the BONDS OF MATRIMONY should be GOLD BONDS.

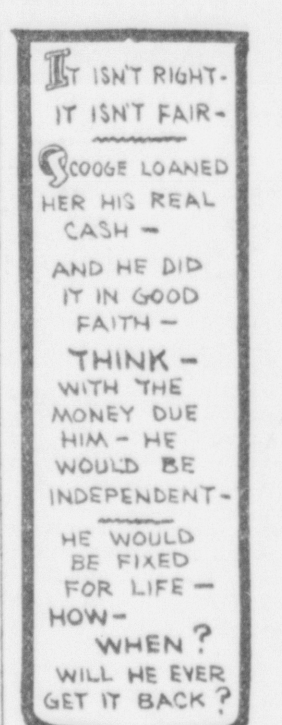
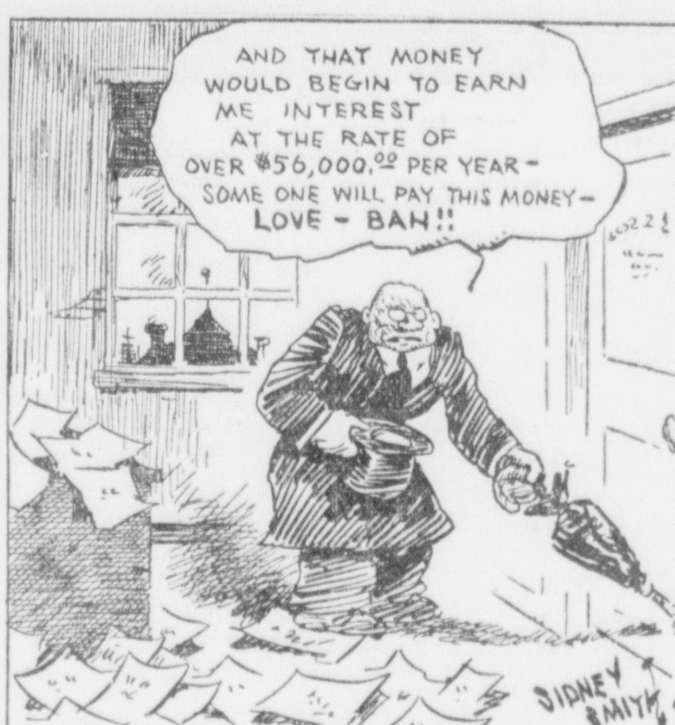
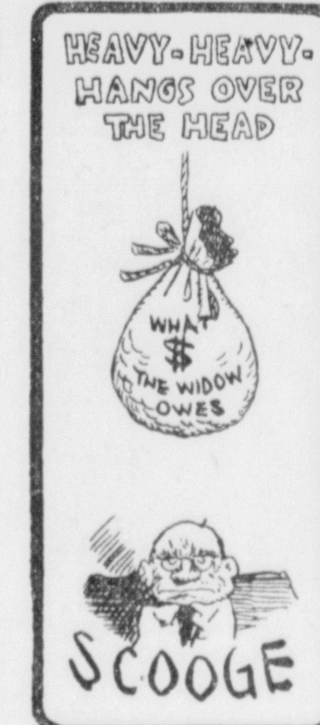
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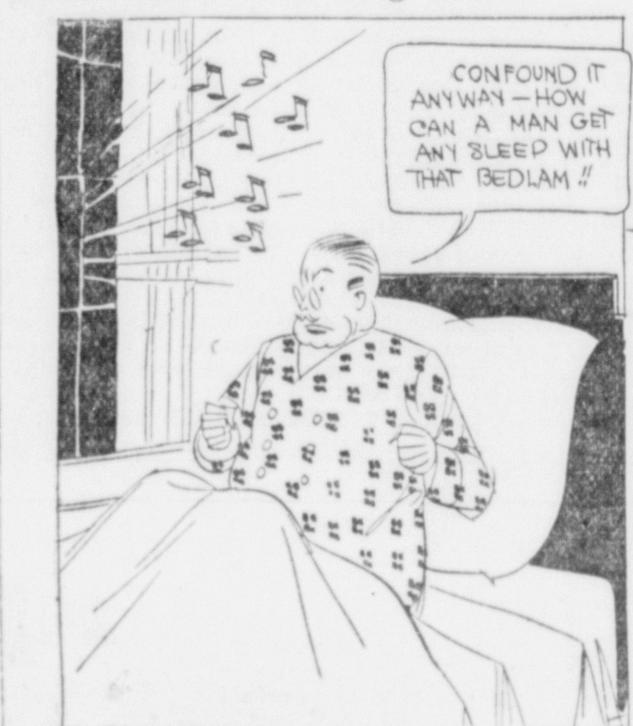
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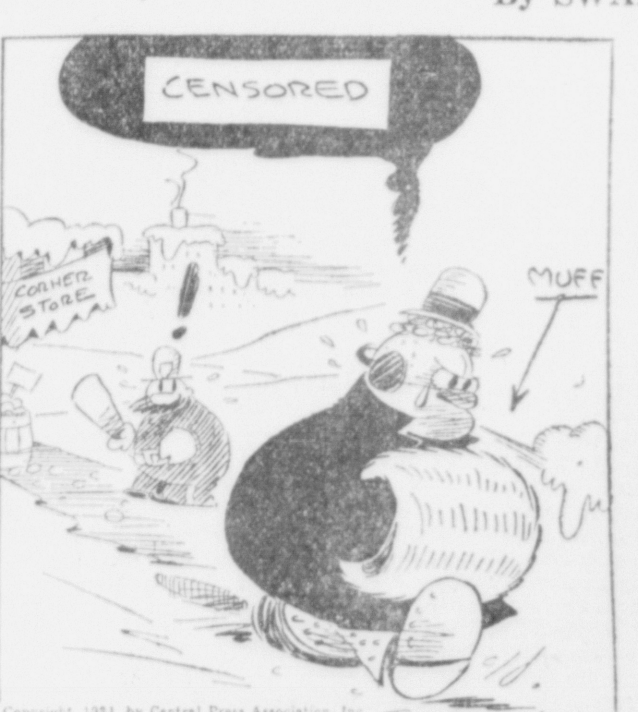
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MUGGS McGINNIS—Insomnia, No Doubt!!



By WALLY BISHOP

HIGH PRESSURE PETE—Who Says Pete Don't Know His Business?



"CAP" STUBBS—No Appreciation



By EDWINA

"Mad Laughter", New Serial Story, Starting Here

CHAPTER 1

Although the fog was so thick that from the pavement one could scarcely see the lights of the vehicles in the roadway, Mr. Thomas Herdridge, known to his intimates as "Pussy", hurried confidently on his way, avoiding collisions with a peculiar lithe dexterity. He crossed Oxford Street, and was at once swallowed up in the deep yellow murk which filled the gaps between the houses like the depths of some turbid sea. Here, foot passengers were much less frequent, but, curiously enough, instead of quickening his pace, Mr. Herdridge slackened it.

And yet, perhaps, this was natural enough. Even the most experienced Londoner might have been excused for losing his bearings. Once away from the railings which guarded the area steps, one was lost, as if in some uncharted land. The taxi drivers had long ago had given up their hopeless attempts to find their way, and the side streets were practically deserted. At intervals a dim halo would loom out of the fog, marking the position of a lamp-post. Beyond this the wayfarer had no beacon by which to guide his uncertain footsteps.

But it was not any doubt of his whereabouts that caused Mr. Herdridge to modify his haste. He seemed to be in possession of a sixth sense, which told him unfailingly of his locality. He was, in fact, in Woodbridge Square, surrounded by tall and dignified houses, from behind whose closely curtained windows came no single gleam of light. Mr. Herdridge walked slowly round the Square twice, every sense on the alert. He saw for a fleeting moment the lantern of a policeman on beat, he heard the steps of one or two cautious pedestrians feeling their way along the railings; now and then a faint whiff of cooking reached his nose through an area window. And, at last, apparently satisfied, he paused beneath a lamp-post to consult a neat silver watch, which he carried on his wrist. It was half-past eight.

For an instant he stood tense and listening. The fog was like a curtain round him, through which an indistinct roar came to him in muffled waves of sound. But his sharp ears could detect no footstep in his vicinity, and with a smile of satisfaction he started to walk again, counting his steps carefully. Thirty yards from the lamp-post he crossed the pavement with outstretched hands, until he felt the masonry of a pillar. One more step, and he was there, with incredible agility and swiftness, he swarmed up the pillar into the darkness.

But fog and darkness had no terrors for Mr. Herdridge. Reaching the top of the pillar, he flung out an arm and felt for the edge of the projecting coping. Grasping this, he swung himself up, and in a couple of seconds found himself on the balcony above the porch of Lord Hardway's town house.

His first action on reaching the balcony was unexpected. From the pockets of his raincoat he produced a pair of light gymnasium shoes. Then, swiftly unfastening his boots, he drew them off and slipped on the shoes. Finally he divested himself of his coat, and laid this and the boots carefully in one corner of the balcony.

Peer as he would, he could find no gap through which he could see anything of the room within. But his experience told him that no curtains shaded a window so completely as to hide every glimmer of a lighted room. The window was that of a drawing-room, as he knew from the result of much careful study of the house. The time, and the fact that the drawing-room was apparently unlighted, made it practically certain that Lord and Lady Hardway were at dinner. Again Mr. Herdridge smiled, and, with a preparatory gesture, rubbed his gloved hands against his thighs.

He stepped back a couple of paces, and suddenly leapt into the air, towards the stone wall of the house. For an instant his fingers sought frantically for some support, but failed to find it.

Without a sound he alighted once more upon the balcony. He moved a couple of feet farther to the left, and leapt again. This time his fingers found a ledge, and curled round it like a cat's paws. With a swift movement he raised himself until one foot was on the ledge. A second's groping with outstretched arm, and he found the sill of the window above him. Very cautiously he straightened himself until his feet were on the ledge, and his hands upon the window sill.

He had now no fears of being observed from the Square. The fog was far too thick for the most powerful lamp to reveal him at such a height from the ground. But it would not do to be too precipitate. There were servants in the house, and it was necessary for him to discover what he could of their movements. So absolutely motionless he remained where he was, apparently perfectly at ease in his precarious position.

Suddenly a bright streak of light split the dark outline of the window vertically in half. The curtains were not fully drawn, half an inch separated them. Through the slit thus caused he could see every detail of the room, and the figure of the maid who had just entered it and switched on the light. She bustled about for a few minutes, turning back the cover of the bed, laying out night clothes, tidying up the dressing-table. Then, with a parting glance round the room, she disappeared, switching off the light behind her.

Mr. Herdridge waited for a couple of minutes, in case she should have forgotten anything. Then, having one hand on the sill, with the other he applied a small polished steel instrument to the hump of the window. There was a faint click, and very cautiously he raised the window sash until there was enough room for his body to pass. He dived in head first alighting noisily on his hands. Here he remained, with his ear against the floor. The only footstep which he could hear were those of the maid, and these were some distance away along the corridor. He drew himself to his feet, produced an electric torch and a pavement, and its driver had leapt



Alison Weatherleigh.

bunch of curious-looking keys, and glided across the room to the head of the bed.

The sash had been cunningly hidden in the paneling of the room, but Mr. Herdridge had no difficulty in finding it. He fingered a boss on the paneling, when under his touch, and aside, revealing an office beneath. Into this he inserted one of his keys, only to withdraw it and try another. At the third attempt the lock yielded, and a portion of the paneling swung back, revealing a small jewel case, steel lined. Into this he drew a massive leather case. A glance inside it revealed that the necklace was in its place. With a swift movement Mr. Herdridge concealed the case about his person. He unlocked the safe, and left the room the way he had come, shutting the window behind him.

His ingenious instrument was incapable of closing the hatch, this evidence of his entry he was forced to leave behind him. He reached the balcony, put on his boots and coat, and lowered himself to the pavement once more. Then, quietly and without hurry, he began to walk towards the corner of the Square.

He had been only just in time. The fog was beginning to lift, with that amazing rapidity which characterizes London fogs. Already it was appreciably thinner; the curb was visible from the railings, the gleam illuminated an ever-growing circle of mist. Mr. Herdridge congratulated himself upon having chosen his moment so well. It did not matter to him now how soon the fog lifted. In fact, it would help him. There would be more people in the streets and it would be easier for him to pursue his way unobserved.

About fifty yards from Lord Hardway's house he began unobtrusively to quicken his steps. A car was coming up behind him, moving scarcely faster than he was himself, its driver obviously guiding himself by the line of the curb. This was a nuisance. It was just possible that the driver might notice him sufficiently to give a rough description if it questioned subsequently. The theft was pretty sure to be discovered before very long, and Mr. Herdridge was not particularly anxious to be seen just then in Woodbridge Square. He noticed with satisfaction that the effect of quickening his steps was that the car did not gain upon him.

Having reached the corner of the Square, Mr. Herdridge turned sharply into Deben Street. And, as he did so, for the first time he felt a sudden sickening conviction that he was being followed. He could hear, or see nothing, but his extraordinarily sharp perception told him that somewhere in the fog was another form, as silent as himself. He checked himself, and covered back against the railings, trying to pierce the darkness. As he did so a dark shadow loomed suddenly into the circle of light cast by the lamp at the corner.

Mr. Herdridge knew that his only chance of escaping observation lay in remaining motionless, and trusting to the shadow passing him by. But a sudden and unreasonable panic took possession of him. The shadow materialized into the figure of a man, his height and bulk magnified by the fog. And when this menacing figure turned the corner and came straight towards him, Mr. Herdridge lost his head and made a bolt for it down Deben Street. But it was too late, a hand like iron fell upon his shoulder, almost knocking him to the ground. And as he staggered, his arms were seized, he was swung round like a baby, and a pair of handcuffs snapped over his wrists.

He was so dazed that for a moment he could not speak, but stood there facing his captor, a bluff-faced, burly man, who smiled at him sardonically. "Why, bless me, if it isn't Pussy!" he exclaimed. "Lost your way in the fog, haven't you, Pussy? This is Mayfair, not Wapping, you know."

Mr. Herdridge made no reply. The man was a total stranger to him, and he wondered dizzily how he came to recognize him. He rather prided himself on his knowledge of the plainclothes squad, but so this man's identity he could find no clue. Well, it didn't matter much. Here he was, taken with the diamonds on him. What was the shortest sentence he dare expect?

The car had drawn up beside the pavement, and its driver had leapt

re-echoed on all sides by unseen constables on beat. But nothing of the sort had happened. Beyond the startled shout of his captor, the men in the car had given no sign. Mr. Herdridge, standing tense and vigilant in the center of the Square, felt a creepy sensation of uneasiness running up and down his spine. This ominous silence could only mean that by some mysterious means the police had followed him; knew where he was at this very moment. He imagined he could hear the silent tread of men pouring into the Square, lining the railings, waiting for the moment when he must seek escape from his self-chosen prison. Perhaps they would not wait for that. Even now they might be entering the garden by a dozen gates, converging upon him.

Inaction was impossible; and to his agonized eyes it seemed that every moment the fog was lifting; that he must shortly be revealed to a thousand staring eyes. But where to go? Had he been seen doubling back, every exit from the Square would now be blocked, even if he succeeded in surmounting the garden railings unobserved. And his manacled hands must necessarily betray him to the first chance passerby.

More in desperation than with any real hope of escape he crept quietly over the turf towards the railings. At every step he expected to see the gleam of a policeman's lantern, but still he kept on. At last he reached the railings, and covered against them in an agony of expectation. A sound of slow footfalls came to him and he shrank away from the railings again. The steps approached, maddening in their deliberation. Their owner knew where he was hidden; he was advancing upon him with the relentlessness of doom. He was not more than twenty yards away.

Mr. Herdridge, quivering in every nerve, like a hare lying close in its furrow, listened—each step reverberating in his ears like thunder. They passed—he was lost. Then, unhurriedly, they passed on.

A sudden reaction fell upon Mr. Herdridge. His terror gave place to a sort of wild bravado, and he felt equal to facing the unseen dangers which surrounded him. Better, far, to have a run for his money than to be caught like a rat in a trap. He ran at the railings, scrambled over them without a sound and landed on his feet in the road beyond. Then, expecting every moment to see a cordon of police clear out of the darkness before him, he began to run, easily and silently.

He had first no clear idea of his goal. It hardly seemed to matter, since his recapture was practically a certainty. He began to long for the tension to end, to feel that grasp upon his shoulder which would end his brief period of liberty. Some instinct took him eastwards, towards the Deben Street exit of the Square. This, surely, was the direction his pursuers would at least expect him to take. To his amazement the exit was unguarded, and he ran the whole length of Deben Street, keeping to the middle of the road and avoiding the few passers-by whose business was pressing enough to in-



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duce them to brave the fog. Then, incredulous of his continued freedom, he slowed his pace down to a walk.

His wits were slowly returning to him, and as he walked he sought desperately for some plan of action. Whichever way he looked, things seemed pretty hopeless. His identity was known to the police; he had been captured with the famous Hardway diamonds upon him. The plainclothes man who had arrested him had addressed him by the name by which he was known to his associates. No doubt he had been watched, traced to Woodbridge Square. His captor had even mentioned Wrapping; without doubt his lodgings there were under observation. It would merely be to

So hopeless did the prospect

seem that he almost resolved to make his way to the nearest police station and give himself up. There, at least, he would find warmth and respite from his ceaseless tramping. But the prospect of recapture was too awful to be lightly faced. There was just one faint chance for him, so faint that it seemed hardly worthy of a moment's consideration. If he could only reach Ginger Murdoch's place, he might find asylum. Not that Ginger would welcome with open arms. That was hardly to be expected. But he knew an argument which would prevail over Ginger's inhospitality. He could threaten that if he himself were nabbed, he would split on Ginger. And Ginger had as much reason to dread an appearance in court as he had himself.

Ginger Murdoch lived in Hoxton, five miles perhaps from here he stood, even if he took the direct route. But the direct route led through a series of main thoroughfares which, even in the thickest fog, were bound to be thronged with traffic. There was no possibility of getting rid of the damning handcuffs until he reached Murdoch's place. The only thing to do was to follow the most unfrequented streets, and try to attract as little attention as possible. This would take him a couple of hours at least.

He folded his arms, pushing each hand as far up the opposite

sleeve as possible. In this way only the chain of the handcuffs was visible, and Mr. Herdridge trusted that it would not be noticeable in the fog. Then he set off, arms folded, head bent, trying to assume an innocent air of contemplation.

It was a weary business. It seemed to him that such infrequent passers-by as he met gazed at him with hostile curiosity, and followed him with their eyes as he disappeared into the mist. His ears were constantly on the alert for the measured footfall of a policeman. Every constable in London seemed to be abroad that night. Several times Mr. Herdridge was compelled to turn suddenly and dodge up some side street till the guardian of the law had passed. More than once, after one or other of these detours, he lost his way and panic seized him. At the thought that the last vestiges of the fog might clear away before he could reach his goal, Hoxton appeared to him as an Ultima Thule, scarcely to be attained in the course of a lifetime. And, even when he got there? He moistened his lips nervously as he considered how he should approach Ginger Murdoch, and what reply that uncertain-tempered gentleman would make to his representations.

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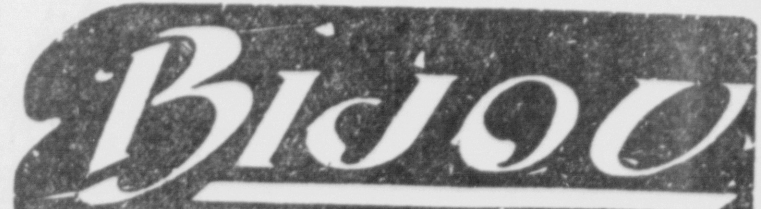


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